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In re Application of
Uyttendaele et al.

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Entitled: SYSTEM AND METHOD
FOR SELECTIVE DECODING AND
DECOMPRESSION

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**RECORDATION OF THE SUBSTANCE OF AN APPLICANT INITIATED
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Sir:

The applicants filed an after-final response to a Final Office Action dated November 26, 2003 (Paper No. 9) on January 16, 2004. This response included an Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form requesting a telephonic interview

to discuss the issues surrounding the rejections and the applicants' response as detailed in the after-final filing. Subsequently, the requested interview took place between the Examiner assigned to this application, J. Wu, and the undersigned, on January 30, 2004. After discussing the arguments provided in the aforementioned after-final response, no agreement could be reached. It was argued by the undersigned that the cited reference in a 35 USC 102 rejection (i.e., Furlan et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,337,708) does not teach the claimed feature where the panoramic frame segments are encoded such that the data file containing each frame region includes an indicator which identifies what frame and what location in that frame the accompanying image data relates to. It was further contended that the claim language made it clear that this indicator was a physical element included in the file containing a frame segment. However, the Examiner continues to contend that the feature of Furlan whereby each tile position is assigned its own multicast channel reads on the claimed indicator, even if this assignment is not a physical element in the data file.

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